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To the DAILY GAZETTEER.

SIR,



You design us a History of the Stage with Relation to the Act of Parliament intended, I will only beg leave to put you in mind of two or three Particulars. The Craftsman runs away with a great many Things that are not true. In the first Place, I do not think it possible to find any Reflections on the Court in *Shakespeare*, *Fletcher*, and *Johnson*; but much Flattery to it, and Girds at the Puritans—especially *Ben Fletcher* has a good deal of Satyr against the Spaniards, in some of his Plays, but that was the Court-Cue then. I never heard of any Thing libellous brought on the Stage at that Time—There was one severe Play viz. *Ignoramus*, made on the Lawyers; and I have heard particularly, that Sir *Edward Cook*, then Lord Chief Justice, sent down his Warrant to the University, to forbid its being acted, and they did forbear upon it; till the King, who was there in Person, informing himself of the Matter, said, *Cuke me no Cucks, I'll have it Acted*. So you see what Notion they had of the Liberty of the Stage, even a Private University-Stage, the King himself being present.

In King *Charles* the First's Time, indeed, notwithstanding many severe Punishments, and Fricasying of Noses and Ears, the Press groan'd with Libels:

But the Enemies of that Government were too godly to employ so wicked an Engine, as they thought the Stage, in their Party-Affairs—No, the Characteristick of the Party was to cry down the Stage, and *Prynne* lost his Ears for his *Histrion-Mastix*. From 41 to 60 there were no Plays at all, I believe one may say without Exception.

I COME to what he calls the Party-Plays of *Charles* the Second's Time.

Tho' Dryden now and then had a Bob for the Court, yet it was general Satyr—not meant at any particular Person; 'tis well known he was a Flatterer, as appears by *Amboyna*, the *Duke of Guise*, *Allion* and *Albanus*, &c. But 'tis as certain, that they silenc'd *Shadwell*, who was of the other Side, for a Nonconformist Poet, as he says in one of his Prologues after the Revolution: And that not for any Thing really offensive in his Plays, so much as for his Person, and for Fear of his excellent Talent at Humour—That the Stage was put under an Interdiction, we learn from these Verses of my *Lord Rochester*, who says, let them Prorogue the Parliament as much as they will, *Prorogue, Prorogue, Prorogue*,

—We're us'd to that,
But th'adjourn'd Playhouse was a Coup d'Eclat.

ANOTHER Instance I'll mention in that Time, and 'tis the *Maid's Tragedy*, which contains a History of a King assassinated for debauching another Man's Wife or Sister, I have forgot which.—Well, this Play, for Fear of the Consequences to the State at that Time, was not suffered to be acted all that Reign. Nay, even when *Waller* alter'd the Catastrophe, and made the King offer a Duel—that would not do neither; so it continued out of the Pale of the Playhouse till *Charles's* Death.

In King *James's* Time I have heard of no Party-Things at the Playhouse, till towards the Revolution; when, I will acknowledge, that the Song of *Lillibero* had a considerable Share in that Work, and the Audience were sometimes at Daggers Drawing in the Pit—But when Governments will take the Liberty which that Government did, truly I think all Sorts of Liberties are lawful against them.

In King *William's* Time one of *Southern's* Plays was stopt, and with the expunging of suspected Passages was afterwards acted in King *George* the First's Time.

In the Tory Part of Queen *Anne's* Reign, 'tis well known that *Bolingbroke*, the Craftsman's Patron, survey'd all the Plays before they were acted; and, for Example, struck out, as I remember particularly, two Verses in *Rowe's Jane Shore*, because of something in them, tho' remote, that displeas'd them.

ALL Players that were licens'd were always look'd upon as the King's Servants; therefore I'll put a parallel Case to these Gentlemen. It is this,

A LITTLE after the Revolution, when King *William* began to coin Money, *Routier*, that had coined for King *Charles* and King *James*, being an excellent Workman, was kept still in the Mint. But the Fellow being a Jacobite, made King *William's* Half-Pennies so, that the Back-Part of the Head represented a Satyr's Face with Horns, alluding to a secret Calumny of his Enemies. Upon this *Routier* was turn'd out, went into *France*, and was taken into the *French Mint*, where his Son, when I was in *France*, still continued to coin.—Now might not these Patrons of Liberty have complained of this Usage of *Routier*, as a Breach on Publick Freedom, thus to cramp the Fancy of an ingenious Artificer, and to make, *O facinus horrendum!* his M----y's Mint obey an *Imprimatur*? Doubtless, it was looked upon by the Jacobites of those Days, as a Step towards taking away the Liberty of the Press.

But pray, Sir, Why do you let them run away with that Notion, that the chief Business of Plays, is to expose the Vices and Follies of the Great?—Comedy, ever since the Old Comedy was put down by Publick Authority, and, as *Horace* says*, *turpiter*, with Shame, never pretended to go in this High-Walk. *Horace* describes it in quite another Way:

*Argutâ meretrice potes, Davoq; Chremata,
Eludente Somem, comis garrire libellos,
Urus Virorum, Fundami.*

And Mr. *Rowe*, in his *Life of Shakespeare*, takes Notice, that in that Author's Time their Satyr did not offer, as it has done since, to strike at all Ranks of People; but then Mr. *Rowe* means only in general, viz. bringing a Lord in for a Coxcomb, without hinting at any particular Peer. And I remember *Moliere* was the first that brought Marquises upon the French Stage, which was thought a Boldness in him at that Time, but by no Means construed to reflect on the Min—y, or that great King whose Servant he was—it would not have gone long unpunished if it had.

COMEDY then has nothing to do with this Description of the Vices and Follies of the Great: Let us come to Tragedy.

THIS too has nothing to do with that Definition. It does, indeed, consist in Painting the Manners and Actions; that is to say, the Passions and Crimes of the Great—Vices and Follies are of a different Nature; and *Ben. Johnson* is blamed by all true Critics, for having given a Turn of Humour, that is, a Cast of Comedy, to all his Tragical Characters in his *Sejanus*.

WE grant that the Craftsman mean Passions and Crimes, by Vices and Follies; yet Tragedy deals always in departed Kings and Statesmen, to whom the Author is oblig'd to do Poetical Justice; at least to all his vicious Characters, if he does not reward all his good ones. Every wicked Person must have his suitable Catastrophe, and he comes not into Tragedy to be exposed, but to be punished. If, therefore, these Gentlemen can fix upon a proper Catastrophe for the Min—y, and bring it about; that is, persuade other People of what they are not persuaded themselves, that they deserve to have a Tragical End—Why then—When they are dead, they may stuff their Skins, and hang them up in a Playhouse for Example; I, for my Part, have nothing to say against it. But yet, even in that Case, which they will find so difficult, if they would follow the Practice of the Stage, and the Decency of former Times, they should stay, in pure good Manners, at least as long as is required for a Romish Canonization; by which Time, possibly, these Gentlemen, and even their Works, may be deceased.

P. S. I remember *Dryden* excuses himself for not writing good Comedy, because he could not keep such low Company of Artificers, &c. from whence to collect that Sort of Humour, as *Ben. Johnson* did:—therefore he went in the High Walk, which *Beaumont* and *Fletcher* introduced, viz. of describing the Conversation of Gentlemen; that was all.

* *Turpiter obtinevit, sublato jure nocendi.*

THEY write from Stugard, that the Affair o Suis, the Jew, at Oppenheim, the Favorite of the late Duke of Wirtemberg, is in a manner determin'd: For the Duke of Wirtemberg Neustadt, Administrator of the Country, has passed a Decree wherein he declares, ' That Suis, the Jew, having abused the Confidence of the late Duke of Wirtemberg, and render'd himself guilty of unjust Proceedings, by pernicious and tutipicous Projects, and burthenome Monopolies, by granting Leases prejudicial to the Publick, and by private Loans of Money, and having oppres'd the Subjects of the Country, committed great Extortions, and brought the Chamber of the Finances of the Dutchy into Debt, his most Serene Highness has thought fit to remove him from all his Offices and Employments, and to make void the Writ of Protection and Dilcharge, which he prevailed on the late Duke to grant him, in case he should ever be called to Account.'

A Writing in the Latin Tongue is just published in Germany, with regard to the Design form'd by the Barons d'Eckembert and Dallberg, for erecting the publick Library at Mentz. The Author of the Paper, is the Learned Father Oliver Legipont, of the Order of St. Benedict, who is actually putting the said Library in Order. It consists already of 7000 Volumes, distributed in 3 Rooms. Over the Door of the first are these Words on the Outside, *Scientiam edit nullus nisi Ignavus atque Asinus*, i. e. Knowledge is despised by none but Fools and Asses. And in the Inside these Words, *Quisquis fur Libri surrit maledictus esto*, i. e. Cursed be every one that steals a Book. Thus this Library, which was form'd in the XVIth Century by the Baron de Dallberg, who was afterwards chose Bishop of Worms, is become since that Time very considerable, 'tis intended to enlarge it still more. Father Legipont, in his Paper, proposes to form a Society of learned Men, who are each to contribute Books to this Library out of his own; to make a Collection of Money for the Purchase of Books, to which the Candidates who receive Degrees in the University of Mentz, shall be Contributors; and to oblige the Booksellers of that City to furnish the said Library with a Copy of all the Books they shall print. He also recommends it to every Member of the said Society, who shall die without Male Heirs, to leave his Library, or a Part of his Estate to the said Society. The principal View of the Establishment of this Society, is for the Service of such as cultivate Genealogy and Heraldry, and who study the History of the Empire and its Laws and Constitutions. The Society is to consist of a Protector, a President, a Vice President, a Director, some Assessors, a Chancellor, and a Secretary.

They write from the Hague, that the States are considering of proper Measures for preventing any Difficulties that may arise in Matters of Form and Ceremony during the Congress, for discussing the Affair of Berg and Juliers, which is to be held in the Chamber of Triers. 'Tis confess'd, indeed, that the Method of a Congress for determining that litigious Succession, is somewhat tedious; but as 'tis the last, the States General were ever of Opinion, that it ought to have the Preference of any other.

As to the Satisfaction which the Dutch have so long and often demanded of the Spanish Court, for their Ships taken in America, the Affair is not in near so promising a Situation as were to be expected, after all the Declarations made upon it by the Marquis de St. Gilles, the Spanish Minister; and the Talk is renewed of sending some more Men of War to Curassaus, to reinforce the Squadron under Comandore Schryver, for the better Security of the Dutch Trade and Navigation in those Parts.

HOME PORTS.

Portsmouth, June 10. This Morning arrived the charming Peggy, Smith, from Oporto, and a small Brigantine belonging to Bristol from Rotterdam, with old Iron. Yesterday sailed the Mafra, Smith, from Lisbon for London.

Deal, June 10. Wind N. N. E. blows hard. Yesterday in the Afternoon sailed the Prince William, Hoyle, from Gallipoli for —. Renaisia the India Merchant, Barlow, from Smyrna; the Neptune,

Neptune, Godice, from Trapani for Orders; the Richard and Hannah, Smith, from Oporto for Yarmouth. Came down and sailed thro', a Brigantine, her Name unknown, for Cadiz.

Deal, June 11. Wind N. W. The Ships remain as per last. Came down and sailed through, this Afternoon, the Fane, Sutton, for St. Christopher's; the James, Kerwan, for Monserrat; and the Fame, Ducker, for Lisbon.

Grafsend, June 10. Passed by the Lambert, Hayman, from Oporto; the Marmaduke, Bowman, and the Trinimer, Archer from Lisbon; and the Blessing, Chapman, from Norway.

LONDON.

The Dove, Capt. Hall, which sailed from Cadiz for Jamaica in March last, was lately lost among some Rocks in the Canary Islands.

On Saturday last being the Anniversary of his Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne, who then entered into the 11th Year of his Reign, the Morning was ushered in with Ringing of Bells; at Noon there was a numerous and splendid Appearance at Court, of the Nobility, Foreign Ministers, Judges, &c. to pay their Compliments to their Majesties on that Occasion. The Park and Tower Guns were fired, and the Evening concluded with Bonfires, Illuminations, and other publick Demonstrations of Joy and Loyalty throughout the Cities of London and Westminster.

The same Day the Right Rev. Dr. Butts, Lord Bishop of Norwich, preached an excellent Sermon before the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter's Westminster.

As did likewise the Rev. Dr. Denne, Archdeacon of Rochester, before the Honourable House of Commons at St. Margaret's Westminster.

The same Day his Grace the Duke of Newcastle and the Lord Harrington, gave a grand Entertainment at their respective Houses, to divers Persons of Distinction, on Account of his Majesty's Accession to the Throne.

On Saturday last the Right Rev. Dr. Thomas Gooch, lately elected Bishop of Bristol, was confirm'd at Bow Church in Cheapside; and Yesterday his Lordship was consecrated by his Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury.

Yesterday the Rev. Dr. Dee preach'd before their Majesties, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Amelia and Caroline, at the Royal Chapel at St. James's, and his Grace the Duke of Portland carried the Sword of State to and from Chapel.

The Right Hon. the Lord Hervey, Vice Chamberlain to his Majesty, is gone down Post to Ickworth in the County of Suffolk, to visit the Earl of Bristol, his Lordship's Father, who is dangerously ill at his Seat in that County.

On Saturday last the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor entertained the Honourable Artillery Company at Vintners Hall with a most elegant Dinner, after which they perform'd an Exercise at Arms before the Commanding Officers.

On Wednesday next the Short Allowance Money due to the Companies of his Majesty's Ships the Britannia, Defiance, Deptford Storeship, and Looe Hospital, will be paid at the Pay Office in Broad-street.

On Wednesday last the Rev. Mr. Robert Cromer, M. A. and Domestick Chaplain to the Bishop of Ely, was presented by his Lordship to the Rectory of Wymondham in Norfolk. He was also presented the same Day to the Rectory of Ashill in the same County.

The same Day the Rev. Mr. Hugh Parnell was presented by the said Lord Bishop, to the Rectory of Kelshall, in the County of Hertford and Diocese of Lincoln.

To-morrow the 4 Troops of Horse and 2 Troops of Grenadier Guards, will be muster'd in Hyde Park by George Huxley, Esq; Commissary General.

And on Wednesday the First, on Thursday the Second and Third Regiments of Foot Guards, will be likewise muster'd on the Parade in St. James's Park by the said Commissary General.

On Saturday last the Daughter of Mr. Cradock, a noted Shoemaker in Dartmouth-street, Westminster, returning Home from St. Margaret's Church with her Father, dropp'd down dead in Tothill-street: A Surgeon was immediately sent for to bleed her, but to no Purpose. She was a promising young Woman, and about 19 Years of Age.

Last Saturday Colonel Douglas was married at St. George's Hanover Square, to the Lady Dowager Viscountess Irwin, one of the Ladies of the Bed-

chamber to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales.

The Lady Catherine Hyde, Daughter of the late Earl of Rochester, is very ill of the Small Pox, at the Earl of Clarendon and Rochester's in St. James's Square.

On Saturday last died at his House at Reading in Berks, John Stamford, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County.

Next Wednesday the Horse Races begin at Hounslow, with a Purse of 30l.

The Hon. Felton Harvey, Esq; one of the Equerries to the King, has had several Fits of an Apoplexy, so that his Life is despair'd of.

One of the Sons of the Hon. Edward Digby, Esq; has been Inoculated for the Small Pox, and it appears on him very favourably, so that he is out of Danger.

Yesterday Morning a Coachman hang'd himself in Pye-street, Westminster.

On Saturday Night last about 10 o'Clock, a Fire broke out near Shadwell Dock, which burnt furiously till four next Morning before it could be got under; and we hear there are upwards of 20 Houses consumed.

BANKRUPTS.

Daniel Cowper the Younger, of Leadenhall-street, London, Upholder.

John Clayton, of London, Goldsmith.

Richard Browne, of the City of Norwich, Worsted-Weaver.

Henry Mason, late of Drury-lane, in the County of Middlesex, Distiller.

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